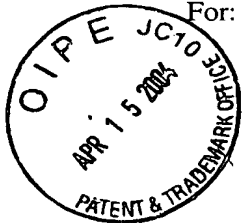


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In re Application of)
Cliff Evans, et al.) CUSTOMER N° 37003
Serial N°: 10/669,535) Group Art Unit: 2831
Filed: September 24, 2003) Examiner: Angel R. Estrada
For: ELECTRICAL FEEDTHRU) Docket N°: 60.1532
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Dear Sir:

Applicants file this Election of Invention in response to the Examiner's Office Action of February 23, 2004, indicating that pending claims 1-46 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants file this Election of Species within a one (1) month extension period of the shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month set in the Office Action. A petition requesting this one (1) month extension of the period for reply is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner has required a restriction among inventions drawn to:

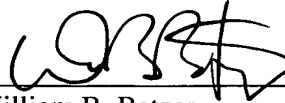
- I. Claims 1-18 and 42-45, drawn to an electrical feedthru, classified in class 174, subclass 65R.
- II. Claims 19-27 and 46, drawn to a MEMS package, classified in class 174, subclass 262.
- III. Claims 28-25, drawn to a method of fabricating an electrical feedthru, classified in class 29, subclass 860.
- IV. Claims 36-41, drawn to a method of electrically interfacing between two distinct environments, classified in class 29, subclass 856.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of group I for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to subsequently amend claims 19-41 and 46 so that the amended claims fall within Group I or to submit new claims drawn to a MEMS package, a method of fabricating an electrical feedthru, and/or a method of electrically interfacing between two distinct environments that fall within the invention of Group I.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account N°. 19-0615. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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